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Mr. James van Loben Sels, Director  
CALTRANS, 1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

**SUBJECT: SCAG 1996/97 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 96-03**

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Amendment No. 96-03 and 96-03 Transit to its 1996/97 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated May 13, 1997. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this SCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). All of the projects included in this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134].

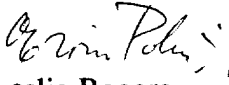
This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).


This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SCAG's TIP Amendment No. 96-03 and 96-03 Transit into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation

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Improvement Program (FSTIP). Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for this Amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial plan.

Sincerely,

*for*   
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Federal Highway Administration

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